



Lola D. Adams

July 13, 2020 - August 29, 2006

Lola D. Adams, 86, of Cooks Mills, Illinois, passed away 3:20 p.m. Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at the Odd Fellow Rebekah Home, Mattoon. Funeral services honoring her life will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Mt. Zion General Baptist Church with Rev. Floyd Dorris and Rev. Mark Thrasher officiating. Interment will follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Cooks Mills. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday at the Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home. Lola was born July 13, 1920 at Cooks Mills, Illinois, a daughter of William Melvin and Lucile Whitley Wright. She married Willie Hassell Adams March 13, 1937 at Charleston, Illinois. A devoted wife, Lola took care of Hassel from April of 1962 to 2001. He required particular care and attention, which Lola faithfully gave, when he suffered from Alzheimer's Disease from 1988 until his death, July 1, 2001. Survivors include her children, Patricia Sorensen and husband Leslie of Cooks Mills, Peggy Adams of Jonesborough, Tennessee, Penny Browning and husband Gene of Cooks Mills and Paula Garrett and husband Kirk of Diamondhead, Mississippi. She also leaves a sister, Frances Eaton and husband Lawrence of Cooks Mills; twelve grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Bessie Adams. Lola was a member of Mt. Zion General Baptist Church and the Eagles Lodge in Mattoon. She was owner and operator of Adams Grocery in Cooks Mills for fifty two years. Lola belonged to the North Okaw Township Home Extension for forty nine years; TOPS for more than 28 years and the

Alzheimer's Support Group. Lola was elected Town Clerk for North Okaw Township, Coles County, Illinois in April of 1949, a position she held at the time of her death. In serving in that capacity, she was able to attend numerous conferences where she enjoyed meeting many wonderful people. She was proud to have registered over 1000 people to vote in Coles County. Lola was known and loved by many. She will be deeply missed by her loving family and numerous friends. Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Zion General Baptist Church, the Alzheimer Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lola D. Adams*

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“ *My memory of Lola is a fond one. I remember growing up and going to the annual Whitley reunions with my parents, Robert & Kathleen D Little. Lola was always there with a smile and a hug for all of us. She always was dressed so very nice. I will miss her so very much.*

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“ *I am deeply saddened by the passing of Lola. She was a wonderful person and was always so great to all of us that visited her store on a regular basis while we were growing up in Cooks Mills; it was the social networking place for the community. I can honestly say after I moved away, that almost every time I would come home to visit, I took my family to Adam's Grocery and Lola was always very welcoming and happy to see us. She represented a great era, was a very strong woman, and will truly be missed. \r\n\r\nI send my sincere condolences to all of the family.\r\n\r\nBecky\r\n*

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